

**North East Lancs Area**

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**COACH RAMBLER TO THE ROACHES STAFFORD 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

Our excursion today takes us to the Roaches Stafford which is on the edge of the Peak District National Park. Those members of the Ramblers Association may have noticed a small article in the latest copy of 'Walk' magazine stating that the Roaches are up for sale to realise the asset but for the land to be managed in partnership with the new owner so enjoy it while you can it might just be the last visit.

Bookings will be taken today for Grange over Sands on the 7<sup>th</sup> November and Windermere on 5<sup>th</sup> December our last trip of the season. Please make cheques payable to Ramblers Association Coach Account. Note that telephone bookings will require a stamped self addressed envelope. Just leave a message if I am not in. Please note that I am unavailable for a large part of November. Bookings can be made from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> by phoning Margaret Boothman 01282 692901. Don't forget you can email me to book as well as telephone and apart from posting your cheque your ticket will also arrive by email: [hgd1@sky.com](mailto:hgd1@sky.com). More bookings are needed to ensure future viability.

There is no B walk today as there is no volunteer leader. The leaders meeting for 2011 has been fixed for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at the church on Lodge St Accrington. Details of next year's programme will be sent out next week by email and post. Think about offering to lead - ask for details of the programme.

**NB The cafe closes at 5pm prompt with last orders at 4.45pm as do the toilets. I understand that there are additional toilets open beyond 5pm in the outdoor adventure play area. At the time of writing (Thursday) the weather forecast is poor so considering all of this we shall return home at 5.30pm.**

**COACHES RETURN FROM TITTESWORTH VISITOR COACH PARK AT 5.30PM PLEASE NOTE**

'A' PARTY      12 MILES      MODERATE      LEADER      ROBERT ECCLES  
Alight at Landmanlow village and climb to trig point on Axe Edge Moor (551m). Continue South West over Orchard and Knotbury Commons to Turn Edge and Luds Church. Climb on to the Roaches (550m) and follow ridge to Hen Cloud before descending to Windy Gates. Walk to Meerbrook and on to the Visitor Centre.

'C' PARTY      8 ½ MILES      MODERATE      LEADER      CAROL AND DERRICK FIELDING  
Alight at Tittesworth Reservoir and take paths to Upper Hulme. Walk around the base of Hen Cloud to Well Farm and then up on to the Roaches. Continue along the ridge to Bearstone Rock and Clough Head and then paths to Meerbrook and back to Tittesworth. Great long distance views subject to weather.

'D' PARTY      7 MILES      FAIRLY EASY      LEADER      ROGER HAYTHORNTHWAITE  
Alight at Tittesworth Visitor Centre and start and continue round the Reservoir using the Staffordshire Moorland Walk with good views of the Roaches and the wild life of the Reservoir.

**INDEPENDENT WALKERS – PLEASE PROVIDE A WRITTEN ROUTE, YOUR PARTY AND A CONTACT NUMBER**

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR SEAT BELTS WHILST THE COACH IS IN MOTION**